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## SENATE COMMITTEE APPROPRIATES \$6 MILLION FOR BEAVER BROOK WATERSHED ALLARD SAYS FUNDING TAKES STRONG STEP TOWARDS FINAL ACQUISITION

U.S. Senator Wayne Allard today announced that the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on the Interior approved \$6 million for the purchase of the Beaver Brook Watershed. This request provides funds for the 4<sup>th</sup> year of a 5 year purchase option on a 6000 acre addition the Arapaho National Forest.

"This additional funding will provide unique recreation opportunities to thousands of Coloradoans, less than one hour away, on land that has been undisturbed since acquired by the city of Golden in the 1920's," said Allard. "I am thrilled that the Senate has taken this strong step toward final acquisition."

The Beaver Brook Watershed stands as one of the largest remaining open spaces near Denver, and is an area vital to the beauty of the state of Colorado. The area provides essential habitat for mountain lion, deer, elk, wild turkey, bear, and the lake chub - an endangered species in the state of Colorado. The Watershed is located in the heart of a seventeen-mile open space, wildlife and scenic corridor that stretches from the Mount Evans Wilderness to the Elk Meadows Park in Jefferson County.

"Acquisition of the land by the Forest Service will greatly benefit the town of Golden, its citizens, and all of Colorado, by creating a unique property available for public use, while at the same time helping to fund the future of Golden's water supply," concluded Allard.

Senator Allard looks forward to working with Colorado Seventh District U.S. Representative Bob Beauprez to ensure the House of Representatives matches the Senate funding for the project.

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